

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SELVIN PONCE-MARADIAGA,

Defendant.

CASE NO. MJ24-281

DETENTION ORDER

The Court has conducted a detention hearing under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and concludes there are no conditions which the defendant can meet which would reasonably assure the defendant's appearance as required or the safety of any other person and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

Defendant is charged with conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. He faces a minimum sentence of ten years of imprisonment and a maximum sentence of life. The evidence against Defendant is strong as he was arrested during a drug transaction in which over 15 kilograms of fentanyl was seized. The complaint alleges that Defendant admitted to law enforcement he was involved in drug distribution. Defendant admitted touching firearms in this case and evidence from a cell phone indicates Defendant has handled drugs on more than one occasion. Defendant was born in Honduras and has minimal ties to the district, and has had no employment for four months.

1 It is therefore **ORDERED**:

2 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the
3 Attorney General for confinement in a correctional facility separate, to the extent practicable,
4 from persons awaiting or serving sentences, or being held in custody pending appeal;

5 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with
6 counsel;

7 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the
8 Government, the person in charge of the correctional facility in which Defendant is confined
9 shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in
10 connection with a court proceeding; and

11 (4) The Clerk shall provide copies of this order to all counsel, the United States
12 Marshal, and to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Officer.

13 DATED this 16th day of May, 2024.

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BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA
United States Magistrate Judge